



**EMT COURSE
COORDINATOR'S GUIDE**

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INTRODUCTION

The South Dakota Emergency Medical Services Office is charged with ensuring quality in pre-hospital emergency medical care and continues to regard the staffing of ambulance services in the State as a high priority. As the Course Coordinator, you are responsible for conducting each course in accordance with [National EMS Educational Standards](#), [National EMS Scope of Practice](#) and State policy. Ultimately, you are preparing each student for certification. Contact the Emergency Medical Specialist in your area for any questions you may have.

The information within this guide is provided to support you, the Course Coordinator, in preparing, conducting, and testing an EMT course. This guide is designed to assist you with the steps necessary to implement and test a course as well as the necessary forms. The forms can be used as “masters” to be copied as necessary.

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CHAPTER 1: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COURSE COORDINATOR

We recommend that you use the NHTSA [National EMS Education Standards](#) and the National [EMS Scope of Practice](#) for developing your course of instruction as your students will be tested on these standards.

Student textbooks can be purchased from the publisher or bookstore of your choice. A list of EMS publishers is available to you through the [South Dakota Department of Public Safety Web Site](http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/emergency_medical_services/emt_courses_training.aspx) http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/emergency_medical_services/emt_courses_training.aspx. Student textbooks are mandatory while student workbooks are recommended. Additional programs or software that publishers offer are at the discretion of the Course Coordinator.

The information that follows is to clarify the steps and to provide you with the forms that you as the course coordinator are required to provide, when conducting and testing an EMT Course.

General Course Coordinator Standards

1. Act as a liaison between students, sponsoring agency, local medical community, clinical sites, and State EMS Office.
2. Assure completion of course goals, objectives, information, training standards, registrations, testing and administrative requirements.
3. Ensure all equipment required for the course is available, is clean, and is in appropriate working condition and each student has adequate amount of practical time.
4. Ensure all secondary instructors are present for their course assignments; ensure all assistants are knowledgeable and competent in the subject matter; and, ensure instructors are certified at or above the level they are instructing.

Pre-Course Requirements and Recommendations

1. Recommendation: Complete an Instructor/Coordinator Course or equivalent.
2. Recommendation: Purchase professional liability insurance.
3. Submit, to the EMS Office, an EMT *Application to Conduct Course* with syllabus and appropriate signatures no less than 4 weeks prior to start of class.
4. Recommendation: Advertise and/or announce course within 50 mile radius of course location.
5. Purchase or secure all needed textbooks, workbooks, audio/visual equipment, software, etc. needed for course.
6. Contact Emergency Medical Specialist to schedule class opening at least two weeks prior to start of class.
7. Read the [NREMT EMT](#) testing manual found at <https://www.nremt.org/nremt/downloads/2011%20EMt%20User's%20Guide.pdf>

Pre-Course Check List

- _____ Application to Conduct Course submitted to State EMS Office.
- _____ Purchase of all needed books, equipment, software, etc.
- _____ Contacted Emergency Medical Specialist to schedule class opening

Conducting Course Requirements and Recommendations

1. Once the course is approved and a class number is assigned, register your class with the [National Registry of EMT's](http://www.nremt.org). (www.nremt.org)
2. It is essential to maintain attendance rosters. Students missing more than 3 classes should be dismissed from the course.
3. It is highly recommended that quizzes and tests, based on National Standards, are given to students.
4. Coordinate or contract with approved hospitals and/or ambulance services to ensure students are scheduled and complete all required observation hours.
5. At a minimum, two weeks prior to Practical or written testing, each student must complete their application with the National Registry, including payment.

Conducting Course Check List

- _____ Register class with National Registry.
- _____ Maintain student rosters.
- _____ Schedule students with approved hospitals or ambulance services to complete required observation hours.
- _____ Have student register and pay National Registry CBT testing fee.

Course Ending

1. Check the course completion box for each student who has successfully completed the requirements for the course. This can be found by logging into your National Registry account and under course completion.
2. Administer a final cognitive exam over the course material. It is essential students pass the class final prior to taking the final National Registry examination.
3. Administer a final psychomotor exam using the National Registry skills sheets. **See Appendix D.**
4. Ensure all forms required by the State EMS Office are complete and retain on file for 2 years.
5. Contact Emergency Medical Specialist for the class closing.
6. Report to the State EMS Office of any students NOT testing or who have dropped from the class.

Emergency Medical Technician Forms

- 1) Emergency Room/Ambulance Observation
- 2) Preceptor evaluation form
- 3) Vital Sign evaluation form
- 4) Patient Assessment
- 5) Class Evaluation
- 6) Clinical Site Evaluation

Course Ending Check List

- _____ Sign off students with National Registry
- _____ Administer class final written and practical exams
- _____ Ensure all forms are complete as required by State EMS Office
- _____ Contact Emergency Medical Specialist for class closing
- _____ Report student roster changes to State EMS Office
- _____ Administer Final National Registry Psychomotor Exam
- _____ Collect all forms and keep on file for 2 years
- _____ Send original score sheets from final practical and course evaluations to OEMS.

CHAPTER 2: COURSE AND CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Emergency Medical Technician course follows National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [National EMS Educational Standards](http://www.ems.gov/pdf/811077a.pdf) (<http://www.ems.gov/pdf/811077a.pdf>) and [National Scope of Practice](http://www.ems.gov/education/EMSScope.pdf) (<http://www.ems.gov/education/EMSScope.pdf>). The course standards are performance and competency based. This means, in addition to classroom performance, each student must successfully complete and show competency in clinical and internship settings. Course coordinators should adjust classroom and clinical schedules accordingly.

Emergency Medical Technician Course

Although competency based, it is estimated that an initial EMT course will be approximately 165 hours.

In addition, each student will have to successfully complete the following clinical skills:

- 1) Minimum 10 hours in an emergency department or on an ambulance service, at approved sites.
- 2) Complete 10 patient assessments on live patients or standardized patients.

Student Requirements

The following requirements must be met by students in order to attend courses and take the National Registry practical and CBT exams:

- 1) Be 18 years of age
- 2) Have completed all clinical skills
- 3) Must submit required documents to their instructor and the State
- 4) Be signed off by Course Coordinator as completing the course

Students with felonious backgrounds must inform their course coordinator and the State EMS Office, either through the Emergency Medical Specialist in the area or the Pierre office as well as contacting and informing NREMT. All students must adhere to the National Registry Felony Policy.

CHAPTER 3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE EMS OFFICE

1. Approve course applications and assign course numbers.
2. Assist the Course Coordinator in setting up the course.
3. Conduct class openings and closings.
4. Act as a liaison in the event of any conflicts within the course.
5. Supply scoring sheets to class coordinator for NREMT Psychomotor Exam.
6. Review and file course evaluations for quality assurance/improvement. OEMS retains the right to request course evaluations at any time.

APPENDIX A

APPLICATION TO CONDUCT TRAINING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)
TRAINING COURSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
118 W CAPITOL AVENUE
PIERRE, SD 57501
TELEPHONE (605) 773-4031 FAX (605) 773-6631

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INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print clearly. This request must be completed by the course coordinator and submitted to OEMS at least **four weeks** prior to beginning the course. Please keep a copy for your records.

Type of Training	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-INITIAL		Projected Student Number					
Physical Location of Course								
Address		City	State	Zip				
Start Date		End Date		Total Estimated				
Courses will be held on (Click all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Su	<input type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> Tu	<input type="checkbox"/> W	<input type="checkbox"/> Th	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> Sa	Meeting Time
Course Coordinator							State EMS #	
Address		City	State	Zip				
Email		Telephone #						
Primary Instructor							State EMS #	
Physician Medical Director							License #	
Textbook Used			Publisher		Edition			
State Practical Test Date (Initial EMT Only)								
ALS Licensed Ambulance Service (for clinical purposes)								
Name of Participating Hospital (for clinical purposes)								

AS THE CLASS COORDINATOR I WILL SECURE COURSE MATERIALS AND VISUAL AIDS, SECURE USE OF CLASSROOM FACILITIES, PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT CLASS SCHEDULES, ARRANGE AND SCHEDULE IN-HOSPITAL OBSERVATION AND TRAINING, AND PERFORM OTHER APPROPRIATE CLASS FUNCTIONS. I WILL ADHERE TO THE APPROPRIATE STANDARD CURRICULM THROUGHOUT THE COURSE. SCHEDULE FOR INITIAL COURSES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST TO THE OEMS.

Signature of Course Coordinator

Date

A COURSE AUTHORIZATION NUMBER WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE COURSE AUTHORIZATION LETTER UPON COURSE APPROVAL. **PLEASE KEEP THIS NUMBER FOR YOUR RECORDS AND USE ON ALL COURSE CORRESPONDENCE.**
PLEASE NOTE: AN EMS REGISTRATION FORM FOR EVERY STUDENT MUST BE SUBMITTED AT BEGINNING OF INITIAL COURSES FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THE COURSE.

OEMS USE ONLY

Course Authorization #	Posted on Website
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – EMT MEDICAL DIRECTOR AGREEMENT

Initial Course Only

Physician Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code

Responsibilities of Physician Medical Director

-Obtain approval from the hospital medical staff(s) (providing clinical training) to initiate an Emergency Medical Technician Course

-Assure overall direction and coordination of the planning, organization, administration, periodic review, continued development and effectiveness of the program.

-Oversee that the course is conducted as outlined in the National EMS Education Standards -Oversee the quality of instruction and clinical experience

-Oversee course compliance with all applicable OEMS policy and procedures.

Assure each student has appropriate liability insurance

As Physician Medical Director of the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course, I agree to previous mentioned responsibilities and reserve the right to withdraw this agreement at any time. In order to withdraw this agreement it must be submitted in writing the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Signature of Physician Medical Director

Date

SD License Number

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – EMT ER DIRECTOR SUPPORT

Initial Course Only

Hospital Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
ER Director		

A signed copy of this form or equivalent contract must be submitted to the OEMS for each hospital used.

As ER Director of above mentioned hospital, I support the initiation of an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Program and agree that the students enrolled in this program may do their clinical training skills in this hospital. I may withdraw this agreement at any time by submitting the request in writing to the Training Program Director and the Office of EMS (OEMS).

Signature of ER Director

Date

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – EMT AMBULANCE SERVICE SUPPORT

Initial Course Only

Service Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Director/Manager		

A signed copy of this form or equivalent must be submitted to the OEMS for each service used.

As director of above mentioned ambulance service I agree to provide a setting for conducting the clinical for the EMT training program to be held at named city. I understand the ambulance experience will involve the EMT students observing and participating under supervision in all aspects of patient care as carried out by this service within the scope of practice of an EMT. The ambulance clinical experience will be under the supervision of the medical director of the service on record. I understand this agreement may be terminated under written notice to the training program director and the Office of EMS.

Signature of Ambulance Service Director/Manager

Date

Schedule for EMT Course – NEMS Education Standards

<u>Estimated Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<u>Preparatory</u>			
1 Hour	_____	EMS Systems	_____
2 Hours	_____	Workforce Safety & Wellness	_____
3 Hours	_____	Communications and Documentation	_____
3 Hours	_____	Medical/Legal and Ethics	_____
3 Hours	_____	Anatomy and Physiology	_____
2 Hours	_____	Life Span Development	_____
1 Hour	_____	Public Health	_____
1 Hour	_____	Evaluation: Preparatory	_____
<u>Pharmacology</u>			
1 Hour	_____	Principles of Pharmacology	_____
2 Hours	_____	Emergency Medications and Administration	_____
1 Hour	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Pharmacology	_____
1 Hour	_____	Evaluation: Pharmacology	_____
<u>Airway Management, Respiration and Artificial Ventilation</u>			
2 Hours	_____	Airway Management	_____
4 Hours	_____	Respiration and Ventilation	_____
4 Hours	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Airway	_____
1 Hour	_____	Evaluation: Airway	_____
<u>Patient Assessment</u>			
1 Hour	_____	Scene Size-Up	_____
1 Hour	_____	Primary Assessment	_____
2 Hours	_____	History Taking	_____
3 Hours	_____	Secondary Assessment	_____
2 Hours	_____	Reassessment and Monitoring Devices	_____
8 Hours	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Patient Assessment	_____
1 Hour	_____	Evaluation: Patient Assessment	_____
<u>Medical</u>			
2 Hours	_____	Medical Overview	_____
2 Hours	_____	Neurology	_____
2 Hours	_____	Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Disorders	_____
2 Hours	_____	Immunology	_____
2 Hours	_____	Endocrine	_____
2 Hours	_____	Psychiatric	_____
5 Hours	_____	Cardiovascular	_____
2 Hours	_____	Toxicology	_____
2 Hours	_____	Respiratory	_____
1 Hour	_____	Hematology and Renal	_____
1 Hour	_____	Gynecology	_____
8 Hours	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Medical	_____
1-Hour	_____	Evaluation: Medical/Behavioral	_____

<u>Estimated Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<u>Shock and Resuscitation</u>			
3 Hours	_____	Shock	_____
4 Hours	_____	BLS Resuscitation - CPR	_____
4 Hours	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Shock and Resuscitation	_____
1 Hour	_____	Evaluation: Shock and Resuscitation	_____

Trauma

2 Hours	_____	Trauma Overview	_____
2 Hours	_____	Bleeding	_____
2 Hours	_____	Chest Trauma	_____
2 Hours	_____	Abdominal and Genitourinary Trauma	_____
4 Hours	_____	Orthopedic Trauma	_____
4 Hours	_____	Soft Tissue Trauma	_____
6 Hours	_____	Head, Facial, Neck and Spine Trauma	_____
2 Hours	_____	Special Considerations in Trauma	_____
3 Hours	_____	Environmental Emergencies	_____
1 Hour	_____	Multi-System Trauma	_____
8 Hours	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Trauma	_____

Special Patient Populations

3 Hours	_____	Obstetrics and Neonatal Care	_____
3 Hours	_____	Pediatrics	_____
4 Hours	_____	Geriatrics	_____
2 Hours	_____	Patients with Special Challenges	_____
3 Hours	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Special Patient Population	_____
1 Hour	_____	Evaluation: Special Patient Population	_____

Operations

1 Hour	_____	Principles of Operating an Ambulance	_____
4 Hours	_____	Incident Management	_____
2 Hours	_____	Mass Casualty Incidents	_____
1 Hour	_____	Vehicle Extrication	_____
2 Hours	_____	HazMat Awareness and Terrorism	_____
8 Hours	_____	Practical Skills Lab: Operations	_____
1 Hour	_____	Evaluation: Operations	_____

Testing

Practical _____ National Registry Practical Exam Administered by Course Coordinator & Staff

Written _____ National Registry Computer Based Test Administered by Pearson Vue

APPENDIX B

NATIONAL REGISTRY PRACTICAL SKILLS SHEETS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

PATIENT ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT – MEDICAL

Candidate: _____
Date: _____
Scenario #: _____

Examiner: _____
Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
SCENE SIZE-UP		
Determines the scene/situation is safe	1	
Determines the mechanism of injury/nature of illness	1	
Determines the number of patients	1	
Requests additional help if necessary	1	
Considers stabilization of the spine	1	
PRIMARY SURVEY/RESUSCITATION		
Verbalizes general impression of the patient	1	
Determines responsiveness/level of consciousness (AVPU)	1	
Determines chief complaint/apparent life-threats	1	
Assesses airway and breathing -Assessment (1 point) -Assures adequate ventilation (1 point) -Initiates appropriate oxygen therapy (1 point)	3	
Assesses circulation -Assesses/controls major bleeding (1 point) -Checks pulse (1 point) -Assesses skin [either skin color, temperature or condition] (1 point)	3	
Identifies patient priority and makes treatment/ transport decision	1	
HISTORY TAKING		
History of the present illness -Onset (1 point) -Quality (1 point) -Severity (1 point) -Provocation (1 point) -Radiation (1 point) -Time (1 point) -Clarifying questions of associated signs and symptoms related to OPQRST (2 points)	8	
Past medical history -Allergies (1 point) -Past pertinent history (1 point) -Events leading to present illness (1 point) -Medications (1 point) -Last oral intake (1 point)	5	
SECONDARY ASSESSMENT		
Assesses affected body part/system -Cardiovascular -Neurological -Integumentary -Reproductive -Pulmonary -Musculoskeletal -GI/GU -Psychological/Social	5	
VITAL SIGNS		
-Pulse (1 point) -Respiratory rate and quality (1 point each) -Blood pressure (1 point)	4	
States field impression of patient	1	
Interventions [verbalizes proper interventions/treatment]	1	
REASSESSMENT		
Demonstrates how and when to reassess the patient to determine changes in condition	1	
Provides accurate verbal report to arriving EMS unit	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	42

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to initiate or call for transport of the patient within 15 minute time limit
- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to determine scene safety before approaching patient
- ___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide appropriate oxygen therapy
- ___ Failure to assess/provide adequate ventilation
- ___ Failure to find or appropriately manage problems associated with airway, breathing, hemorrhage or shock
- ___ Failure to differentiate patient's need for immediate transportation versus continued assessment or treatment at the scene
- ___ Performs secondary examination before assessing and treating threats to airway, breathing and circulation
- ___ Orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention
- ___ Failure to provide accurate report to arriving EMS unit
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on this form (below or turn sheet over).

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**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

PATIENT ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT – TRAUMA

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____
Scenario #: _____

NOTE: Areas denoted by “” may be integrated within sequence of Primary Survey/Resuscitation**

Actual Time Started:	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
SCENE SIZE-UP		
Determines the scene/situation is safe	1	
Determines the mechanism of injury/nature of illness	1	
Determines the number of patients	1	
Requests additional EMS assistance if necessary	1	
Considers stabilization of the spine	1	
PRIMARY SURVEY/RESUSCITATION		
Verbalizes general impression of the patient	1	
Determines responsiveness/level of consciousness	1	
Determines chief complaint/apparent life-threats	1	
Airway		
-Opens and assesses airway (1 point) -Inserts adjunct as indicated (1 point)	2	
Breathing		
-Assesses breathing (1 point)	4	
-Assures adequate ventilation (1 point)		
-Initiates appropriate oxygen therapy (1 point)		
-Manages any injury which may compromise breathing/ventilation (1 point)		
Circulation		
-Checks pulse (1 point)	4	
-Assesses skin [either skin color, temperature or condition] (1 point)		
-Assesses for and controls major bleeding if present (1 point)		
-Initiates shock management [positions patient properly, conserves body heat] (1 point)		
Identifies patient priority and makes treatment/ transport decision (based on calculated GCS)	1	
HISTORY TAKING		
Attempts to obtain sample history	1	
SECONDARY ASSESSMENT		
Head		
-Inspects mouth**, nose** and assesses facial area (1 point)	3	
-Inspects and palpates scalp and ears (1 point)		
-Assesses eyes** (1 point)		
Neck**		
-Checks position of trachea (1 point)	3	
-Checks jugular veins (1 point)		
-Palpates cervical spine (1 point)		
Chest**		
-Inspects chest (1 point)	3	
-Palpates chest (1 point)		
-Auscultates chest (1 point)		
Abdomen/pelvis**		
-Inspects and palpates abdomen (1 point)	3	
-Assesses pelvis (1 point)		
-Verbalizes assessment of genitalia/perineum as needed (1 point)		
Lower extremities**		
-Inspects, palpates and assesses motor, sensory and distal circulatory functions (1 point/leg)	2	
Upper extremities		
-Inspects, palpates and assesses motor, sensory and distal circulatory functions (1 point/arm)	2	
Posterior thorax, lumbar and buttocks**		
-Inspects and palpates posterior thorax (1 point)	2	
-Inspects and palpates lumbar and buttocks areas (1 point)		
VITAL SIGNS		
Obtains baseline vital signs (must include BP, P, R) (1 point)	1	
Manages secondary injuries and wounds appropriately	1	
REASSESSMENT		
Demonstrates how and when to reassesses the patient	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	42

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Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to initiate or call for transport of the patient within 10 minute time limit
- ___ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to determine scene safety
- ___ Failure to assess for and provide spinal protection when indicated
- ___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high concentration of oxygen
- ___ Failure to assess/provide adequate ventilation
- ___ Failure to find or appropriately manage problems associated with airway, breathing, hemorrhage or shock
- ___ Failure to differentiate patient's need for immediate transportation versus continued assessment/treatment at the scene
- ___ Performs other assessment before assessing/treating threats to airway, breathing and circulation
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on this form in the space below

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National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination

OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION BY NON-REBREATHING MASK

Candidate: _____
Date: _____

Examiner: _____
Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Gathers appropriate equipment	1	
Cracks valve on the oxygen tank	1	
Assembles the regulator to the oxygen tank	1	
Opens the oxygen tank valve	1	
Checks oxygen tank pressure	1	
Checks for leaks	1	
Attaches non-rebreather mask to correct port of regulator	1	
Turns on oxygen flow to prefill reservoir bag	1	
Adjusts regulator to assure oxygen flow rate of at least 10 L/minute	1	
Attaches mask to patient's face and adjusts to fit snugly	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL 11	

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to assemble the oxygen tank and regulator without leaks
- ___ Failure to prefill the reservoir bag
- ___ Failure to adjust the oxygen flow rate to the non-rebreather mask of at least 10 L/minute
- ___ Failure to assure a tight mask seal to patient's face
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on this form (below or turn sheet over).

Comments:



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Candidate: _____
Date: _____

Examiner: _____
Signature: _____

Actual Time Started:		Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions		1	
Checks responsiveness	<i>NOTE: After checking responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs the candidate, "The patient is unresponsive and apneic."</i>	1	
Checks breathing		1	
Requests additional EMS assistance		1	
Checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "You palpate a weak carotid pulse at a rate of 60."</i>			
Opens airway properly		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus."</i>			
Prepares rigid suction catheter		1	
Turns on power to suction device or retrieves manual suction device		1	
Inserts rigid suction catheter without applying suction		1	
Suctions the mouth and oropharynx		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth and oropharynx are clear."</i>			
Opens the airway manually		1	
Inserts oropharyngeal airway		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct."</i>			
**Ventilates the patient immediately using a BVM device unattached to oxygen			
[**Award this point if candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.]		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.</i>			
Re-checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute]		1	
Ventilates the patient adequately			
-Proper volume to make chest rise (1 point)		2	
-Proper rate [10 – 12/minute but not to exceed 12/minute] (1 point)			
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"</i>			
Actual Time Ended: _____		TOTAL	17

Critical Criteria

- ___ After suctioning the patient, failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- ___ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to suction airway **before** ventilating the patient
- ___ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
- ___ Failure to check responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
- ___ Failure to check pulse for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
- ___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- ___ Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of at least 10/minute and no more than 12/minute
- ___ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- ___ Insertion or use of any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
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CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT / AED

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started:	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Determines the scene/situation is safe	1	
Attempts to question bystanders about arrest events	1	
Checks patient responsiveness	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The patient is unresponsive."		
Assesses patient for signs of breathing [observes the patient and determines the absence of breathing or abnormal breathing (gaspings or agonal respirations)]	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The patient is apneic," or, "The patient has gasping, agonal respirations."		
Checks carotid pulse [no more than 10 seconds]	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The patient is pulseless."		
Immediately begins chest compressions [adequate depth and rate; allows the chest to recoil completely]	1	
Requests additional EMS response	1	
Performs 2 minutes of high quality, 1-rescuer adult CPR Adequate depth and rate (1 point) Correct compression-to-ventilation ratio (1 point) Allows the chest to recoil completely (1 point) Adequate volumes for each breath (1 point) Minimal interruptions of less than 10 seconds throughout (1 point)	5	
NOTE: After 2 minutes (5 cycles), patient is assessed and second rescuer resumes compressions while candidate operates AED.		
Turns-on power to AED	1	
Follows prompts and correctly attaches AED to patient	1	
Stops CPR and ensures all individuals are clear of the patient during rhythm analysis	1	
Ensures that all individuals are clear of the patient and delivers shock from AED	1	
Immediately directs rescuer to resume chest compressions	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	18

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to immediately begin chest compressions as soon as pulselessness is confirmed
- ___ Failure to deliver shock in a timely manner
- ___ Interrupts CPR for more than 10 seconds at any point
- ___ Failure to demonstrate acceptable high-quality, 1-rescuer adult CPR
- ___ Failure to operate the AED properly
- ___ Failure to correctly attach the AED to the patient
- ___ Failure to assure that all individuals are clear of patient during rhythm analysis and before delivering shock(s) [verbalizes "All clear" and observes]
- ___ Failure to immediately resume compressions after shock delivered
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
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National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
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SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SUPINE PATIENT)

Candidate: _____

Date: _____

Examiner: _____

Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual stabilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device appropriately	1	
Directs movement of the patient onto the device without compromising the integrity of the spine	1	
Applies padding to voids between the torso and the device as necessary	1	
Immobilizes the patient's torso to the device	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Immobilizes the patient's head to the device	1	
Secures the patient's legs to the device	1	
Secures the patient's arms to the device	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL 14	

Critical Criteria

- ___ Did not immediately direct or take manual stabilization of the head
- ___ Did not properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual stabilization
- ___ Released or ordered release of manual stabilization before it was maintained mechanically
- ___ Manipulated or moved the patient excessively causing potential for spinal compromise
- ___ Head immobilized to the device before device sufficiently secured to the torso
- ___ Patient moves excessively up, down, left, or right on the device
- ___ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- ___ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- ___ Did not reassess motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity after immobilizing patient to the device
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SEATED PATIENT)

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started:	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual stabilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device behind the patient	1	
Secures the device to the patient's torso	1	
Evaluates torso fixation and adjusts as necessary	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Secures the patient's head to the device	1	
Verbalizes moving the patient to a long backboard	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL 12	

Critical Criteria

- ___ Did not immediately direct or take manual stabilization of the head
- ___ Did not properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual stabilization
- ___ Released or ordered release of manual stabilization before it was maintained mechanically
- ___ Manipulated or moved the patient excessively causing potential spinal compromise
- ___ Head immobilized to the device before device sufficiently secured to the torso
- ___ Device moves excessively up, down, left, or right on the patient's torso
- ___ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- ___ Torso fixation inhibits chest rise, resulting in respiratory compromise
- ___ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- ___ Did not reassess motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity after voicing immobilization to the long backboard
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
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BLEEDING CONTROL/SHOCK MANAGEMENT

Candidate: _____

Date: _____

Examiner: _____

Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Applies direct pressure to the wound	1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that the wound continues to bleed.</i>		
Applies tourniquet	1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that the patient is exhibiting signs and symptoms of hypoperfusion.</i>		
Properly positions the patient	1	
Administers high concentration oxygen	1	
Initiates steps to prevent heat loss from the patient	1	
Indicates the need for immediate transportation	1	

Actual Time Ended: _____

TOTAL 7

Critical Criteria

- ___ Did not take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Did not administer high concentration of oxygen
- ___ Did not control hemorrhage using correct procedures in a timely manner
- ___ Did not indicate the need for immediate transportation
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
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LONG BONE IMMOBILIZATION

Candidate: _____
Date: _____

Examiner: _____
Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs application of manual stabilization of the injury	1	
Assesses distal motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in the injured extremity	1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner acknowledges, "Motor, sensory, and circulatory functions are present and normal."</i>		
Measures the splint	1	
Applies the splint	1	
Immobilizes the joint above the injury site	1	
Immobilizes the joint below the injury site	1	
Secures the entire injured extremity	1	
Immobilizes the hand/foot in the position of function	1	
Reassesses distal motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in the injured extremity	1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner acknowledges, "Motor, sensory, and circulatory functions are present and normal."</i>		
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL 10	

Critical Criteria

- ___ Did not immediately stabilize the extremity manually
- ___ Grossly moves the injured extremity
- ___ Did not immobilize the joint above and the joint below the injury site
- ___ Did not immobilize the hand or foot in a position of function
- ___ Did not reassess distal motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in the injured extremity before and after splinting
- ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
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JOINT IMMOBILIZATION

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started:	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs application of manual stabilization of the injury	1	
Assesses distal motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in the injured extremity	1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner acknowledges, "Motor, sensory, and circulatory functions are present and normal."</i>		
Selects the proper splinting material	1	
Immobilizes the site of the injury	1	
Immobilizes the bone above the injury site	1	
Immobilizes the bone below the injury site	1	
Secures the entire injured extremity	1	
Reassesses distal motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in the injured extremity	1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner acknowledges, "Motor, sensory, and circulatory functions are present and normal."</i>		
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL 9	

Critical Criteria

- ☐ Did not immediately stabilize the extremity manually
- ☐ Grossly moves the injured extremity
- ☐ Did not immobilize the bone above and below the injury site
- ☐ Did not reassess distal motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in the injured extremity before and after splinting
- ☐ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ☐ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ☐ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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APPENDIX C

NATIONAL REGISTRY REGISTRATION SHEETS

Program Directors!

How to Authorize Your Students to Take an NREMT Exam



As program director, you are responsible for verifying when your students have completed a state-approved EMS course.

Detailed instructions on how to make the necessary verifications are below. If you need additional assistance, please contact the NREMT at 614-888-4484. We're ready to help!

Step 1

Login

- Go to www.nremt.org
- From the main page, click on 'Login' (found in the blue bar at the top of the page)
- Enter your Username and Password and proceed as prompted
- Click on 'Login'

Step 2

Verification of Course Completion

To verify course completion, click on 'Course Completion Verification' on the left side of the screen.

- Review all the requirements listed and possible responses:
 1. This is 'Not our student' (Not Our Student)
 2. This student 'Did not successfully complete program requirements' (No Course Completion)
 3. This student, 'Successfully completed program requirements as well as CPR and skill competency' (Successful Course Completion)
- Go to 'Registration Level'. Use the pull-down arrow to select your choice
- Click on 'Select'
- You will see a list of candidates who indicated they were part of your education program (last name and last four digits of their Social Security Number). The date in the 'Course Completion Date' column is the date provided by the candidate on their application. If the date is not correct, you may edit this field (note: only the month and year are recorded)

- For each candidate, review the information and click on the appropriate statement as prompted
- Read the statement in the box at the end of your student list.
By clicking 'Submit' you are attaching your "electronic signature" to that candidate's application
- Once you have processed a student on the list, they will be removed

Step 3

Practical Exam Verification

First Responder and EMT-Basic

If your State permits, you will need to verify the Psychomotor (Practical) Examination of your students.

- To verify skills, click on 'Practical Exam Verification' on the left hand side of the screen
- Review all the requirements listed. As Program Director you will indicate one of the following responses:
 1. 'Not Our Student' or 'Failed Final Attempt'
 2. 'Successfully Completed Practical Examination' (Successful Practical Skills Completion)
- Click on 'Search'
- You will see a list of candidates who indicated they were part of your education program as in Step 2. Proceed as prompted
- Read the statement in the box at the end of your student list
By clicking 'Submit' you are attaching your "electronic signature" to that candidate's application
- Once you have processed a student on the list, they will be removed

Intermediate and Paramedic

Advanced level candidates (Intermediate and Paramedic) may take the psychomotor evaluation (practical exam) following completion of the didactic and laboratory portions of an approved program if permitted by the program director and the State EMS Licensing Agency.

Advanced level psychomotor examinations will be verified by NREMT Advanced Level Representatives.

EMS Students!

Follow These Steps to Take The NREMT Exam



National Registry of
Emergency Medical Technicians
an nremt.org member

Follow these easy steps 3 to 4 weeks in advance of when you plan to test. If you need additional assistance, please contact the NREMT at 614-888-4484. We're ready to help!

Step 1: Create Your Account

- Go to nremt.org and click on 'Login' (found in the blue bar at the top of the NREMT home page).
- Click on 'Set Up New Account' and follow the instructions.

Step 2: Login

- After you have completed Step 1, you can follow the link and login with the username and password you created.

Step 3: Manage Your Account Information

- Complete all the information in the Personal Account Information fields as prompted. The name you include in this area should be the same as what appears on your drivers license (or the ID you will present at the testing center), and is what will appear on your application, National Registry certificate and card upon successful completion of the examination.

Read this to avoid delay! Make sure the name you use to set up your Account matches the name on your drivers license EXACTLY (or the ID you will present at the testing center) or you will be denied access to the testing center on the day of your exam!

Step 4: Create a New Application

- Click on 'Create a New Application' to apply to take your exam.
- Review the Personal Information Summary – If any items are incorrect, you can make corrections by clicking on 'Manage Account Information'.
- Select the application level you wish to complete.

Step 5: Pay Application Fee

- It is recommended that you pay your application fee at the time you complete your online application. However, if you choose, you may pay at a later date.

Read this to avoid delay! An Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter allowing you to schedule your exam will not be issued until payment has been received and all other verifications are complete.

- You can pay by credit/debit online or print a money order tracking slip for mailing your money order to the NREMT.

Step 6: Check to See if You Are Approved to Take Your Exam

- When all areas of the application process are completed and have been verified, you will see the following link: 'Print ATT Letter'.

Read this to avoid delay! You will only see 'Print ATT Letter' when you have been verified to test! This link will not appear if the verification process is not yet complete!

- Monitor the progress of your application and watch for your Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter by going to the NREMT home page and logging in using your username and password.
- Click on 'Candidate Services'.
- Click on 'Application Status'.
- If you see 'Submitted' next to 'Course Completion Verification', this means the NREMT has submitted your information to the program you indicated, and is waiting for authorization from the program indicating that you have completed the course.
- If you see the link 'Print ATT Letter', click on the link.

Step 7: Print the ATT Letter to Schedule Your Exam

- Scroll down to see if the 'Print ATT Letter' appears.

Read this to avoid delay! Click on this link to print your ATT Letter. Print and follow the instructions in your ATT Letter.

Step 8: Call Pearson VUE to Schedule Your Exam

- Your ATT Letter will contain the Pearson VUE phone number to call to schedule your examination.
- Your ATT Letter will also include other important information you should read carefully!

• Read this to avoid delay!

- You can reschedule your exam up to 24 hours in advance by calling Pearson VUE at 1-866-673-6896 or visiting the Pearson VUE website. If you fail to appear for your exam, you will have to complete a new application and pay another application fee!
- Refunds cannot be issued for no-shows.
- If you arrive late for your exam, you may lose your appointment!

**Additional informational can be found on the NREMT instructional DVD.
Ask your instructor for more information or visit the NREMT website at www.NREMT.org.**

Revisions and updates may be necessary to make the CBT transition as smooth as possible. Please refer to the NREMT website for the most current policies and procedures.
Release date 11/06 Revised 6/07

Appendix D

End of Course State Psychomotor Exam

All classes will now be testing their students in house instead of the traditional state test as done in prior years.

1. Submit a National Registry EMT Psychomotor Exam Request to OEMS 21 days in advance. The OEMS will send the Exact amount of scoring sheets to the Course Coordinator. The actual skills sheets should be printed off of the National Registry website.
https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/psychomotor_exam_emt.asp
2. When you receive the paperwork from OEMS, count to make sure there are an adequate number of scoring sheets for the students. Note that the random skills station is not known until you receive the paperwork. If anything is missing contact the OEMS immediately.
3. Skills examiners must be EMT level or higher.
4. The course coordinator is the **only** person who may fill out the scoring sheets from OEMS.
5. The course coordinator will give the yellow copy of the scoring sheet to the student and send the white original copy to the OEMS.
6. Re-tests are done at the discretion of the Course Coordinator.
7. OEMS retains the right to attend any practical test at any time without notification to help maintain the validity of the test.
8. OEMS is aware that not as many stations may be set up at one time due to available equipment and personnel. Course coordinators should contact their Emergency Medical Specialist if they have concerns.
9. All **original** score sheets must be submitted to OEMS for submission to National Registry.
Office of Emergency Medical Services
118 W. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD. 57501
10. **Any false or dishonest documentation will be subject to having action taken against his or her license.**
44:05:01:02. Definition of unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

11. Below are links to videos that show examples of the skills being performed. Keep in mind individual skills may vary. Follow National Registry skills sheets.

Medical Assessment- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUkXFxZ6xLg>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiforJTijcE>

Trauma Assessment-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnxX5FUCcnQ&list=UU_IyQ5LjUdMI8303QilwZzQ

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MKS95SAIAg>

BVM Ventilation- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i_fJHS8P9Y

Bleeding Control Shock Management-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDfYxZmvSlc&list=UU_IyQ5LjUdMI8303QilwZzQ&index=9

Long Bone Immobilization-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2GNnrZcRsE&index=8&list=UU_IyQ5LjUdMI8303QilwZzQ

Joint Immobilization-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhXy9PkqX_c&list=UU_IyQ5LjUdMI8303QilwZzQ&index=6

Spinal Immobilization Supine-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhrfzsNmopc&list=UU_IyQ5LjUdMI8303QilwZzQ&index=5

Spinal Immobilization Seated- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fheGCs->

[634s&index=7&list=UU_IyQ5LjUdMI8303QilwZzQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fheGCs-634s&index=7&list=UU_IyQ5LjUdMI8303QilwZzQ)

Oxygen Administration- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2z9UmLmYNEU>

Cardiac Arrest AED- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-5c_c8jW-0 Note that we use a BVM

device which is not shown in these video clips.

National Registry EMT Psychomotor Exam Request

This paperwork must be submitted to OEMS 21 days before the Practical is going to take place. This is to ensure all proper paperwork is in prepared for the test.

Class Number _____

Test Location _____

Test Date or Dates _____

Time __ : __ AM/PM

Course Coordinator _____

Mailing Address for Test Materials to be sent:

Students Names (This must be legible. Keep in mind if the students name is not on this list then they do not test as there will not be paperwork for them to do so. You may print and attach names to this as well.)

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118 W. Capitol Ave

Pierre, SD. 57501

Fax: 605-773-6631

Email: Brad.Janecke@state.sd.us